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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

## BUY PROPERTY FOR CITY HALL

### D. R. McCracken Fatally Injured In Auto Wreck

Prominent Stock Raiser And  
Farmer, Killed At Cove Creek  
When Car Turns Over

D. Rufus McCracken, who was with a party of friends was returning on a fishing trip on Cataloochee, when a fatal accident occurred. The car, which he was driving, turned over several times and rolled down a steep embankment. The accident occurred on the second curve beyond Cove Creek.

Mr. McCracken attempted to pass the car parked on the side of the road when the accident occurred. Robert Palmer and Lowery Caldwell are said to have been the occupants of the car. Mr. McCracken was killed.

Mr. McCracken suffered head and chest injuries and was conscious for a short while after he was brought to the hospital. He lived for twenty-four hours, death occurring at 3:50 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

Others in the party who received slight injuries were: C. T. Noland, Ben Noland, and Vincent Davis, who left the hospital following medical attention, and Fred Ferguson, who suffered a broken collar bone, and was discharged yesterday from the hospital.

Mr. McCracken was in his fifty-sixth year. He was the son of the late E. and Mrs. Margaret McCracken. He was a prominent farmer and stock raiser in the county and had for several years in addition to his farming activities served as a construction foreman for the State Highway and Public Works commission.

Last rites were conducted for Mr. McCracken on Wednesday afternoon at Parker's Chapel on Crabtree, at (Continued on Page 3)

### County Makes Net Gain Of 3 Teachers For Coming Term

Bethel Gets 2 Extra Teachers,  
Crabtree 2. Big Bend School  
Will Be Closed

Haywood county made a net gain of three teachers for the coming school term, according to Jack Messer, superintendent of education, this week.

The state school commission granted an extra teacher for the high school at Bethel, and also an extra elementary teacher at Bethel. An extra high school and elementary school teacher will be added at Crabtree.

The Big Bend school, which has operated for three years has been ordered closed, and the Waynesville elementary schools will have one less teacher than last year.

A total of 157 teachers have been allotted to the county, Mr. Messer said, and there are approximately 5,500 students enrolled. These figures do not include the Canton schools.

Mr. Messer said that he looked forward to six replacements in school buses this year, and at least one new additional bus. Nothing definite has been decided on this, however.

The Crabtree school building, which will be a high and elementary school combination, will be ready for the opening of school. Jerry Liner, contractor, is pushing the work forward at a rapid pace.

Mr. Messer said that all the teachers will be named by next week, and that a complete list would be given for publication.

Mrs. Hall Giving Away  
Fine Variety Iris Roots

A large quantity of iris roots are being given away this week by Mrs. Harry Hall. Many of them are very fine varieties. Anyone wishing to have roots are asked to call this week, as she plans to discard them after this week, if not called for.

### At Lake For Duke Day Program



DR. P. N. GARBER



PRESIDENT W. P. FEW



HENRY DWIRE



DEAN MANCHESTER

### Duke Day Will Be Held On 12th; Dr. Few Is Speaker

The annual Duke Day, held in connection with the Duke Summer School, at Lake Junaluska, will be held on Monday, July 12, according to Dr. Paul N. Garber, who is in charge of the Duke Summer School.

Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University, and Dean A. K. Manchester, will be the principal speakers on the formal program which will follow an old-fashioned dinner at six o'clock on the grounds at the auditorium. The program will be given in the auditorium of the lake, with Dr. Tom Stringfield, of Waynesville, giving the address of welcome.

The program will be in charge of Henry Dwire, in charge of alumni relations of Duke. The music will be under the direction of Mrs. H. E. Myers.

Dr. Garber reported that this year's summer school was the largest in the four years that the school has been established at the lake. This year 205 pupils are enrolled. Of this number 73 are from Haywood county, and the others represent 25 states.

The school started 1933 with 127, and has steadily grown since that time.

### Healthiest Boy



John Rogers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, Crabtree winner of 4-H health contest for boys.

### New County Agent Expected Here To- day Or Tomorrow

Robert R. Smithwick, newly appointed county agent for this county, said last week-end that he would probably arrive here by this morning to assume his duties.

Mr. Smithwick was here making arrangements about a house for he and his wife, and said that he expected to have all arrangements made by Thursday of this week, and move here and take charge of the office.

The new county agent is leaving Mocksville, after spending 18 months as county agent of Davie county. Before going to Davie county, he was assistant agent in Rockwell county. Prior to that he was a member of the faculty of the Franklin High school for two years.

Mr. Smithwick graduated from high school at Apex, and four years later completed his studies at State College, Raleigh.

### Chairman of Advisory Group Urges That Parkway Be Built Along Original Adopted Route

By CHAS. E. RAY, Jr.  
Chairman W. N. C. Advisory Group

What is the Blue Ridge Parkway?  
Where is it?

What is its significance to Western North Carolina?

Why is abandonment of the Balsam section being considered?

These are questions frequently being asked, and it is the purpose of this article briefly to answer them.

Geographically, the Blue Ridge Parkway is to be a motor road connecting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with the Shenandoah National Park of southern Virginia, the southern end of which is just to the west of Charlottesville. Leaving the southern end of the Shenandoah Park, it passes successively via Waynesboro, Buena Vista and Roanoke to the Virginia-North Carolina state line. The distance within Virginia approximately 297 miles as compared with 270 within North Carolina.

Leaving the state line, the parkway passes about midway between Sparta and Roaring Gap and thence via Blow-

### Criminal Court Will Convene On Monday, July 12

Four Homicide Cases On Docket  
For Trial, Large Number Of  
Smaller Cases

Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, will preside over the term of Superior Court, which will convene here on Monday, July 12th. The docket is unusually heavy.

Four homicide cases are scheduled for trial at this term of court. Four of five automobile theft cases will be tried, and a number of cases of assault and battery will come up.

The calendar also includes several cases of driving under the influence of intoxicants, and a large number of petty offenses.

The following will serve on the jury for the week:

G. M. Keeter, Pigeon; E. B. Ballentine, Waynesville; James Swanger, Beavertown; W. R. Poston, East Fork; W. S. Platt, Beavertown; W. E. Hyde, Beavertown; A. L. Moon, Beavertown; J. E. Childers, Beavertown; E. V. Owenby, Waynesville; W. H. Prevost, Waynesville; Tom Guy, Beavertown; W. L. Pharr, Pigeon; Robert Sutton, Fines Creek; C. E. Ray, Jr., Waynesville; W. H. Hollingsworth, Waynesville; J. W. Boyd, Waynesville; Herman Burgess, Jonathan; L. A. Justice, Crabtree; Gundy Walker, Fines Creek; R. E. L. Ratcliff, Waynesville; T. W. Cathey, Pigeon; W. Lawson Messer, White Oak; Marshall Messer, Jonathan; John Palmer, Clyde.

For the second week the following will make up the jury list:

Andy Frazier, Cecil; John Campbell, Ivy Hill; J. H. Snathers, Waynesville; W. L. Bumgarner, Beavertown; C. S. Fred Beavertown; Homer West, Clyde; J. R. Hardin, Pigeon; Ira Massey, Cecil; H. A. Fie, Ivy Hill; H. D. Gosby, Beavertown; D. P. Shook, Beavertown; C. D. Crenshaw, Waynesville; Thomas Yarbrough, White Oak; L. R. Leatherwood, Jonathan; Howard Leatherwood, Clyde; Waldo Green, Fines Creek; W. V. Davis, Crabtree; Charlie Medford, Iron Duff.

### C. D. Welch Slightly Better After Heart Attack Over Week-End

C. D. Welch, vice president and general manager of the Cramerton Mills, Inc., and a prominent figure in the textile industry, suffered a heart attack over the week-end, at his home in Cramerton. His condition was reported critical for several days, but is now slightly improved.

Mr. Welch is a native of Waynesville, and is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lucius M. Welch.

Dr. William Sloan, who is a member of the staff of the Woodard-Herring Hospital, of Wilson, arrived during the week to spend several weeks here with his family.

### Here This Week-End



GOV. CLYDE R. HOEY

Governor Hoey will spend the week-end in this section. On Friday night he will speak at Lake Junaluska, and then Saturday morning make a tour of the park, returning to the Saturday afternoon in Blount county en route to Clinton.

### Commissioners Held Quite Session Mon. Now On Tax Matters

Sitting As A Board Of Equalization, Hearing Complaints  
Of Taxpayers

General routine matters, and clearing the slate for the commissioners to begin their work as the equalization board was all that was undertaken Monday.

The commissioners will sit as an equalization board for the next three weeks - until July 26 - to hear taxpayers of the county on the new valuation. Any complaint must be made to the board before July 26th, or the officials will take it for granted that the new assessed valuation is satisfactory to the taxpayers.

The schedule for hearings are as follows:

Fines Creek and White Oak, Thursday, July 8.

Crabtree and Iron Duff, Friday, July 9.

East Fork, Cecil and Pigeon, Monday, July 12.

Clyde, Tuesday, July 13.

Beavertown and Waynesville, July 14 to 26.

Ivy Hill and Jonathan Creek taxpayers were heard yesterday.

### Smith Writes Long Letter To The Editor

W. D. Smith, county agent of Haywood until July first, brought a letter to the editor of The Mountaineer, just at press time, in which he is setting out a statement regarding his being replaced in the county agent work.

The letter was too lengthy to publish this week, but will appear next week.

### Healthiest Girl



Miss Martha Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wright, Canton winner of 4-H health contest for girls.

### Turbyfill Corner On Main Street Bought By City

Architect Now At Work On  
Plans For New City Hall.  
Purchase Price \$10,000

The Town of Waynesville has purchased the Turbyfill property, on Main street, just across from the post office, and plan to convert the building into a modern city hall and fire department, with ample space for mayor's court on the second floor, it was learned by The Mountaineer yesterday.

Work is going ahead on the legal papers, and the property is expected to be signed over to the town shortly. The city officials have contracted to pay \$10,000 for the property, which fronts 72 feet on Main street, and 150 deep.

Mayor J. H. Way stated yesterday that an architect has been here and consulted with the town officials regarding remodeling the building, and is expected to submit plans and suggestions within the new week.

In today's paper, the town of Waynesville is advertising for the sale of land, amounting to \$10,000 with which to pay for the property.

Mayor Way reported that large number of substantial taxpayers have been consulted about the purchase, and everyone had termed it a "real buy" and advised the officials to get the property at once.

Present plans are to have the building house all of the town offices, including a city jail. The fire department will be in the building, and the street and water departments and shops will also be properly housed.

Another addition, will be a mayor's office and a tax collector's office. At present neither have office space.

The town clerk will have a larger office space, and will not be in the same room with the fire trucks as at present.

The building of a city jail will save the town considerable in jail fees, it was said. Mayor Way reported that in May the town paid the county \$99 for jail fees alone.

The greatest material saving will (Continued on Back Page)

### Quiet Fourth Is Officers Report

17 Arrested In Waynesville, 15  
Were Charged With Being  
Drunk, 2 For Theft

Sheriff R. V. Welch reported yesterday that the Fourth of July holidays were the quietest he ever remembered. No disturbances of any kind were reported.

The city police department were kept rather busy, however, in putting 17 in jail from Saturday noon until Monday night. All but two were charged with being drunk.

Policeman Patton and Downs, arrested a man late Saturday afternoon, which they both reported to be the "wildest drunk man ever confronted." All three came out of the affray bleeding and bleeding, but the police won, and the man placed in jail.

The only other case to come up in the courts from over the week-end involved two young Waynesville boys, who waived a hearing Wednesday morning before Magistrate C. B. Atkinson, before whom they appeared charged with taking wheels and tires from school buses stored in the building formerly occupied by Watkins Chevrolet Company. The tires were said to have been sold, and the two boys, Earl and Marvin Thomason, brothers, were arrested in Asheville, and charged with the theft, after the man whom they sold the tires testified as to where he bought them.

The boys are out under \$1,500 bond each.

### Citizens Bible Class Has Record Attendance

At the regular meeting of the Citizens Bible class which was held on last Sunday morning there was a record attendance of 65, including the wives of many of the members.

Captain Cecil Brown and Lt. Colton, of the Salvation Army had charge of the service, with the latter making a talk.